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28 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Guided Missile and Astronautics  
Intelligence Committee  
Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements  
and Exploitation  
Chairman, Signals Intelligence Committee  
Chairman, Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence  
Committee

SUBJECT: Standing Request for Information

REFERENCE: (a) USIB-D-27.5/3, 2 June 1972  
(b) USIB-D-27.5/5, 27 June 1972

The USIB Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations is responsible to the Director of Central Intelligence for guidance to and supervision of all intelligence monitoring activities required under the recently-concluded strategic arms limitation agreements with the USSR. In order to carry out my responsibilities as Chairman of the Steering Group, it is essential that I be kept informed about developments in the USSR which are relevant to the SALT agreements, particularly those developments which may have a bearing on Soviet compliance with the agreements. It is also essential that I be kept up-to-date on intelligence programs, plans and problems which are directly or uniquely related to the task of monitoring Soviet compliance. I will rely on you to keep me informed, and to send copies of relevant communications to the CIA, DIA, and State/INR members of the Steering Group, to whom I am sending identical requests.

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Vernon A. Walters  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Chairman

USIB Steering Group on Monitoring  
Strategic Arms Limitations

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, USIB Steering Group on Monitoring  
Strategic Arms Limitations

SUBJECT: Meeting of the SALT Monitoring Working Group,  
Thursday, 27 July 1972, 1:30-3:45 p.m.

1. Present at this meeting were all members of the Working Group, the chairmen of COMIREX and GMAIC, a representative of NPIC, and other invited participants.

2. Baseline Report. The Group discussed the draft baseline report on the status of Soviet forces relevant to SALT as of 1 July 1972, which was distributed earlier this week [redacted]. It was agreed that in content and scope, the draft generally meets the requirement. Data need to be added on ICBM and SLBM test and training launchers, and on the estimated power-aperture products of certain ABM-related radars. It was also agreed that in the final version, future estimates which are the proper subject of NIE's should be avoided, but that statements showing the relationship of various Soviet activities to the provisions of the SALT agreements should be included.

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3. Specific suggestions for changes in the language of the draft will be made directly [redacted] by C.O.B. today. Interagency coordination of the draft will be effected via the PQR mechanism on Tuesday, 1 August. A galley-proof of the final version, including graphics, will be submitted to the Steering Group for review and approval.

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4. The Working Group considered a suggestion that the baseline report should have a summary, but decided not to request a summary at this time.

5. Guidance for Photointerpreters. [redacted] draft was reviewed and minor changes were introduced. Final approval was deferred until next week to allow time to coordinate a proposed change in the guidance [redacted] and to check the paper for consistency with certain standing requirements.

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6. Role of GMAIC. Chairman, GMAIC reviewed his committee's role as the community mechanism for coordinating data and estimates on weapon system characteristics and performance. GMAIC stands ready to receive requests from the Working Group. GMAIC plans no extraordinary SALT-related activities at this time, though much of its normal activity is pertinent. Mr. Stoertz reported that Gen. Walters will ask GMAIC, COMIREX, other USIB committees and Steering Group members to keep him informed on SALT-related developments in the USSR, and on US Intelligence programs to monitor such developments.

7. The attached draft agenda for the next Steering Group meeting was distributed for comment by Tuesday, 1 August.

8. The next Working Group meeting will be on Thursday, 3 August. At that time, [ ] will be asked to describe the priority search areas for ABM and Hen House deployment now being used by COMIREX, and [ ] will be asked to discuss DIA SALT monitoring plans.

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Howard Stoertz, Jr. *JS*  
Chairman

SALT Monitoring Working Group

Attachment:  
Draft Agenda

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